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FLORIDA MAN GUILTY OF POSSESSION IN 130 POUND COCAINE SEIZURE

(Lufkin, TX) A 32-year-old Florida man has pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute cocaine in the Eastern District of Texas. **VICTOR MARTE** entered his plea before United States District Judge Ron Clark yesterday.

According to information presented in court, Marte, a truck driver, was arrested on February 14, 2005 for an outstanding warrant during a traffic stop in Lufkin. When authorities searched the eighteen wheeler following Marte's arrest, they discovered over 130 pounds of cocaine concealed in a secret compartment in the cab portion of the tractor trailer. Marte was indicted by a federal grand jury on March 2, 2005.

Marte faces up to life in prison and a fine of up to \$4 million. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the Nacogdoches County Sheriff's office and the Texas Department of Public Safety-Narcotics Division. Assistant U.S. Attorney Reynaldo P. Morin is prosecuting the case.

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